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AIS ACTIVITIES 30 MAR 2012 - 29 JUN 2012

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Grant Updates:

- County AIS Project grant
 - Followed up with WI DNR for reimbursement to the county that has not yet been paid. The progress report was not originally submitted with the reimbursement request. It has since been submitted and reimbursement should come soon.
 - This grant is written to be complete by June 30, 2013. There are two DNR AIS grant application periods before then. The plan is to apply for a new grant in August 2012 leaving a chance for resubmission in April 2013.
 - Funds in this grant have been used for staffing, AIS committee meetings, and to purchase workshop materials, AIS monitoring equipment, office supplies, etc.
- County CBCW Iron River & Delta Area grant
 - This grant runs till December 31, 2012.
 - Boat inspections began May 5 at Landings on the Pike Chain, Delta Lake, and Long Lake with nearly 500 boats inspected.
 - o DNR landing blitz campaign is from June 29th-July 8th. This program will be participating in this event to include increased inspection/education efforts and handing out towels.
 - This program is planned to be included in county AIS project grant application next go around.
- USFS Boat Wash (NCWMA)
 - Since Darienne's departure for a new position, Jennifer, Ben, and I have been managing this project.
 There have been funds allocated to Bayfield County for assuming the supervisory role of the interns.
 - There are two interns operating the boat wash at landings in the Lake Superior Basin. They are working approximately 35 hours a week, mostly weekends. Since their start (June) they have washed over 150 boats and demonstrated the washer at Kids Fishing Day at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center.

Outreach/Workshops:

- Iron River CBCW program to participate in DNR's "Kids don't float" pilot program this summer(Still coordinating with DNR for setup on this one)
- Hosted 2 Clean Boats Clean Waters workshops, one in Drummond and one in Iron River at Twin Bear Campground. 17 participants were trained between on NEW CBCW inspection process at the two events. One goal of the Twin Bear workshop was to recruit some resident campers to volunteer to do inspections at Twin Bear boat launch. One person has volunteered to do inspections.
- Purple Loosestrife Bio-Control display set up at Cable Natural History Museum.
- Attended AIS Education Summit via webinar.
- Attended Wisconsin Lakes Convention.
- CLMN AIS workshop in Barnes June 23rd- Trained over 30 people to conduct AIS monitoring in Barnes area.
- Attended Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference and displayed Bayfield County AIS Project
- Kids Fishing Day at Northern Great lakes Visitor Center- Set up a tent outside with AIS display, free temporary AIS tattoos and bobbers for kids, boat wash demonstration, and hands on specimens
- Attended Canvis Seminar. It is a visual simulation software, from the USDA National Agroforestry Center. You
 can create photo-realistic simulations to communicate ideas in ways that conservation plans and words cannot.
 Received a free copy of the guide

Meetings:

- Apr 2, 26- George Lake EWM sit visits and meeting- Coordinated George Lake rapid response treatment of Eurasian Water-milfoil which was conducted on June 5th. Met with DNR personnel, Army Corps of Engineers, and Barnes residents to plan control efforts on George Lake using rapid response grant. Four Courses of action were developed and narrowed down to two. I made a summary of the meeting and a couple maps of treatment areas/options and distributed them to concerned parties.
- April 23, May 1- <u>Barnes EWM Committee meetings</u>- Many items were discussed including the herbicide treatment on George Lake, the slow-no-wake recommendation on Sand Bar Lake, success of the spot treatment of Eurasian Water Milfoil on Tomahawk Lake, the AIS identification workshop, and the discovery of Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) on Middle Eau Claire Lake.
- April 5, June 21- <u>Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area (NCWMA) meetings</u>- received updates on invasive activities in 4 county area and provided update on Bayfield County AIS, Began planning on Knotweed Knockout
- May 1- <u>CBAP planning meeting for application of GLRI Funds</u>- Discussion of what projects might need future funding, There is a large amount of funding for AIS through GLRI so future plans should be made to leverage some of the AIS funds.

Other Activities:

- Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) hand pulling on Eau Claire chain
- Site visit to Red Cliff to verify report by interns of CLP. Fragments were found, but water was too choppy to observe any rooted beds of the plant. Will conduct a follow up visit.
- Scheduling and coordinating interns for boat wash.
- · Communication with teachers to do presentations in the fall
- Specimen collecting for workshop
- Identification and pictures provided for crawfish concerns on Pike Chain
- · Contact with DNR on habitat restoration funds
- Participation in DNR Observation study
- Bait Shop Outreach
- Work with GLIFWC and Ashland AIS Coordinator to dig and pot 300 Purple Loosestrife root crowns. The potted
 crowns will be used to raise hundreds of thousands of Bio-control beetles which will be released in the Fish creek
 and Sioux river areas.
- Distributed WI Sea Grant CBCW inspection schedule and recommended adjustments
- Creating AIS interlibrary loan program

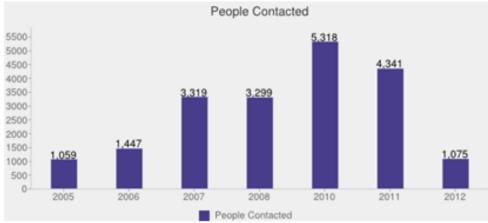
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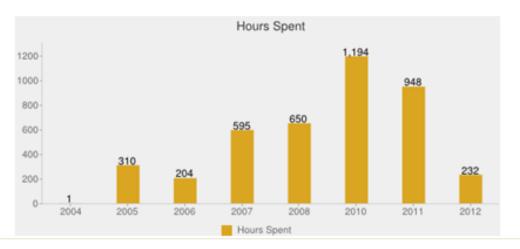
- Lake Superior Day outreach on July 14th at Herbster, Port Wing, and Cornucopia
- Lake Superior Day is July 15th
- Bayfield County AIS Roundtable
- Project RED Workshop
- Zebra Mussel "Smart Prevention" workshop in Iron River
- AIS Surveys- Eau Claire Chain of Lakes, Delta Lake, Twin Bear Lake, Iron River Flowage, Drummond Lake, Early Detection lakes(still waiting for DNR release), White River, Iron River, Flag River, and others
- Aquatic plant workshop July 2
- "Knotweed Knockout"
- Assist with George Lake Aquatic Plant Management Plan

Clean Boats, Clean Waters - Pike Chain of Lakes and Lake Delta





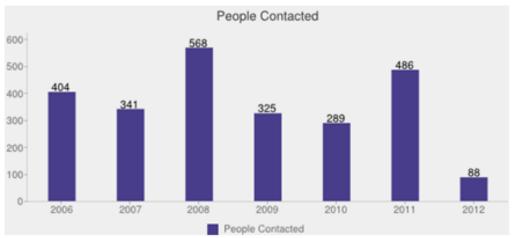


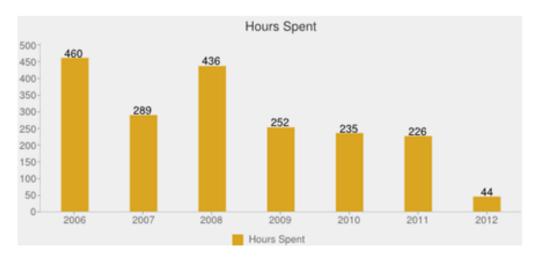


Clean Boats, Clean Waters - Long Lake









Watercraft Inspection Results - Bayfield County

